

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 183 through 186, 188 through 209, 223 through 226, 228 through 254, 258, 261, 262, 265 through 278, 281, 283 through 285, and 287 are pending, with Claims 183, 191, 199, 223, 231, 239, 250, 261, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, 281, and 287 being independent. The independent claims have been amended.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.202

As previously advised, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 183 through 186, 188 through 209, and 223 through 249 were copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 4 and 7 through 28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,209,823 (“Foster ‘823”), and Claims 250 through 289 were copied in modified form from Claims 1 through 7, 9, 13, 15, 16, and 18 through 30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,547,187 B2 (“Foster ‘187”), as shown by the following table:

TABLE

subject application claims	<u>Foster</u> ‘187 claims	<u>Foster</u> ‘823 claims
183, 223		1
184, 224		2
185, 225		3
186, 226		4
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subject application claims	<u>Foster</u> '187 claims	<u>Foster</u> '823 claims
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188, 228		7
189, 229		8
190, 230		9
191, 231		10
192, 232		11
193, 233		12
194, 234		13
195, 235		14
196, 236		15
197, 237		16
198, 238		17
199, 239		18
200, 240		19
201, 241		20
202, 242		21
203, 243		22
204, 244		23
205, 245		24
206, 246		25
207, 247		26
208, 248		27
209, 249		28
250	1	

subject application claims	<u>Foster</u> '187 claims	<u>Foster</u> '823 claims
251, 274	2	
252, 275	3	
253, 276	4	
254, 277	5	
255	6	
256	7	
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257	9	
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	12	
258, 278	13	
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259	15	
260, 279	16	
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261, 280	18	
262, 281, 282, 289	19	
263	20	
264	21	
265, 283	22	
266	23	
267, 284	24	
268, 285	25	

subject application claims	<u>Foster '187</u> claims	<u>Foster '823</u> claims
269	26	
270, 286, 287, 288	27	
271	28	
272	29	
273	30	

FURTHER REMARKS

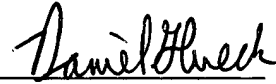
The October 21, 2005 Advisory Action stated that “the roof” raised antecedent basis problems. In keeping with this kind suggestion, which is respectfully traversed, Applicant has changed “the roof” to --a roof--. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has copied the claims from U.S. Patent Nos. 6,209,823 (Foster '823) and 6,547,187 B2 (Foster '187) for the purpose of provoking an interference. Support for the copied claims and the identification of a proposed count for the interference will be submitted in a separate Request for Interference which will be filed in due course should the Examiner wish. In the meantime, if the Examiner reaches this case for action prior to receipt of the Request for Interference, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned before acting on the subject application.

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